GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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GRANTS IN AID FOR RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS FOR SCS
Rathod Shri Harisingh Nasaru

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria prescribed for NGOs to get grant-in-aid to start residential schools for Scheduled Castes;

(a) the State-wise details of new proposals for grant-in-aid received during 2007 from various States in this regard;

(b) the number of proposals out of them sanctioned; and

(c) the details of the proposals rejected with the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement in answer to parts (a), (b), (c) and (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 315 for 20.03.2008 by Shri Haribhau Rathod regarding `Residential Schools for Scheduled Castes`.

(a): In order to be eligible for assistance under the scheme `Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for Scheduled Castes`, an organization should meet the following main requirements:

(a) Registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) or any relevant Act of the State/Union Territory; or

(b) A public trust registered under the law for the time being in force; or

(c) A charitable company licensed under Section 25 of the Companies Act,1958; or

(d) Indian Red Cross Society or its branches; and or

(e) Any other public body or institution having a legal status of its own;

(f) The voluntary organization should have been registered for, at least two years, at the time of applying for grant under the scheme.

(g) It is not run for profit to any individual or a body of individuals.

Guidelines for assisting NGOs/Voluntary Organisations issued by the Ministry prescribe that the Voluntary Organisations should have been actively working in its sector for a period of 2 years. Applications in prescribed proforma alongwith registration,recognition, Memorandum of Association, statements of accounts,annual reports,the statistical data, etc should be submitted duly accompanied with the recommendations of the Grants-in-Aid Committee of State Govts. All new proposals are evaluated by the Screening Committee, which adopts certain criteria for processing and recommending them.

(b), (c) & (d) : During 2007, Nineteen proposals of residential schools (Assam-1,Bihar-4, Jharkhand-1, Karnataka-3, Orissa-4, Rajasthan-3, UP-1 and West Bengal-2) were received. Out of these the Screening Committee has so far recommended 4,rejected 7 and deferred 1.Of the four proposals recommended by the committee,this Ministry has sanctioned grant for two proposals.The projects have not been cleared by the committee mainly for one or more of the following reasons:-

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